

5. I assure the Hon'ble Member Shri M.M. Sajjan, and this House that there will be no further delay in this matter and that the stipends due will be regularly disbursed every month hereafter.

**Sri M. M. SAJJAN.**—Was it not possible to get such a clarification immediately during December 1972 alone so that such hardship would not be caused to the Medical Assistants?

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.**—Our office does not work on a war footing. All these delays, though avoidable, have taken place.

**Sri M. M. SAJJAN.**—It was stated that due to the mis-conception of the Treasury Officers that hardship has been caused. What action has been proposed to take against such officers?

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.**—It is not their fault actually. It is a different scheme altogether. They were under the impression that such an authorisation was necessary. Perhaps there is some delay in writing to the Accountant General, which will have to be looked into. After all a delay of one or two months is not such a serious matter. I should also say that all their back pay also will be paid in lumpsum.

(ii) *re* : **Abrupt Closure of the Plate-Sleeper Foundry**

**Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).**—I call the attention of the Minister for Industries to the situation that has arisen due to abrupt closure of the plate sleeper foundry of MISL.

**Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries).**—I am still trying to get some more information from Bhadravati. Therefore, I request that this may be taken up tomorrow.

**MADAM SPEAKER.**—It will be taken up tomorrow.

(iii) *re* : **Loss caused due to fire accidents at Tenginagere in Yallapure Taluk.**

**Sri V. M. GHADI (Haliyal).**—I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the loss caused due to fire accidents at Tenginagere near Kirwalli village, Yellapur Taluk.

**Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).**—

In an area to be taken up for raising a forest plantation, after the extraction of timber and firewood, the rest of the material is given a burn to render the site suitable and conducive for planting. In one such regeneration area, near Kirwatti, in Yellapur Taluk burning was done by the Coupe Contractor on 31-3-1973. A 40" wide strip around the regeneration area was formed as provided in the agreement to